STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms the importance of investing in, protecting, and supporting women's health and ensuring that every woman has access to quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS; National Women's Health Week is a time to celebrate women's health and bring awareness to women's health issues, serving as an annual reminder for women to make their mental and physical health a priority; and

WHEREAS; while we acknowledge that every woman has her own unique health needs, issues that predominantly affect women's health include breast cancer, ovarian cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and reproductive and maternal health issues; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, bias, and discrimination in treatment settings—and in our healthcare system at the institutional level—create barriers that disproportionately impede women in their efforts to lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS; we further recognize that the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has only underscored underlying health and social inequities that lead to disparities in health outcomes for women of color, in particular, in our state and across our country; and

WHEREAS; the health and prosperity of women is essential to the health and prosperity of our state, and all women are encouraged to take steps towards living their healthiest lives by staying active, eating well, caring for their mental health, and engaging in regular medical check-ups and preventative screenings; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in raising awareness of women's health issues, working to increase access to quality healthcare for all women and eliminate existing disparities, and supporting the overall health and well-being of every woman in Wisconsin;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 8 - 14, 2022, as

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of May 2022.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State